

I've got a good example here. I have this in my pocket because, since I was 8 years old, I've suffered from hay fever. It's Chlor-Trimeton. Years and years ago, it was a prescription drug. Now I can buy it for \$2.34—a big bottle of it. It's embarrassing, frankly, if you get up and your nose starts running. So I have one in my pocket, so that, if my nose starts running, I can take a Chlor-Trimeton so my nose isn't running and so I'm not sniffing here on the floor of the House. Yet, under this bill, I'll have to buy some expensive prescription antihistamine if I'm going to use my Health Savings Account.

That was a deal done, and now we begin to see a little bit. Now that this has come out of the closet, we're beginning to see the deals that were done, and that's one to help the pharmaceuticals.

I will yield to my friend.

Mr. BOUSTANY. I thank my friend for yielding.

I'm really glad that you brought up Health Savings Accounts. First of all, Health Savings Accounts were created by a Republican Congress, so that was one of the things that Republicans did when we were in control of the Congress, among a few other things in health care; but one of the problems we've had with Health Savings Accounts, that I've heard, is that a lot of families can't put enough money into them to really make them meaningful.

You know, I introduced a bill that actually, really, raises the amount of money that you can put into one so that you actually, really, do save money year in and year out and do build savings.

Secondly, when you get to be a senior and when you go on Medicare, you can keep that Health Savings Account and can continue to fund it and can use it for things that Medicare currently doesn't cover. So many seniors have to buy supplemental insurance. You could use your Health Savings Account to fund that. So now you're using pretax dollars rather than really hard-earned, after-tax dollars for that health need. There are a number of other things that families could use these for.

Finally, upon death, you can pass your Health Savings Account on to your family without a tax consequence, and now you're really building savings across generations to take care of our health problems, putting families back in control of their health care destinies rather than, again, a big government, one-size-fits-all-kind of a program, such as what we see with the Pelosi health plan.

I yield back.

Mr. GOHMERT. I thank you for that observation.

That's exactly right. Some people will not be able to put money into the Health Savings Accounts, and those will be people we will be able to help as the Federal Government, and it will be cheaper to do that than to keep going bankrupt, which is where we're going. The projection is, by 2017–2018, we're

going to bankrupt America with Medicare. Why wouldn't you try to do something to rein that in?

Let me just say I disagree with what the President has done. I've been in the Army. I've seen how commanders agonize, and I know General McChrystal was handpicked. He went over there. He gave the President his assessment. We really need at least 40,000 troops. It's very plain. You either put them in there or we're going to lose this war. Now, to me, that seems like that ought not to require more than 72 hours once you get that general's report. My goodness.

He says, The guy I handpicked, if we don't give him 40,000 troops quick, then we're going to lose the war.

That's very clear. He didn't take 72 hours. He is taking 60 days or more and counting. We've got 60,000, 70,000 troops or so over in Afghanistan who are waiting with bated breath to know what the President is going to do, and so are we.

This bill here will affect over 300 million people's lives and the lives of generations to come. We don't get the 60 days that the President has taken to make sure he gets it right. We're told we get 72 hours. You're not going to have time to find all the pitfalls that we've put in there. We're talking about the future of this country and about future generations. They are owed so much better, not because they've done anything to deserve it, not because we've done anything to deserve the blessings that have been heaped upon us, but because those who went before us made the sacrifice of life—of their fortunes, of their sacred honor—and that's why we reap the benefits we do. We owe it to future generations because of what the past generations have done for us, and that is what we have to do.

It breaks my heart to close out this congressional session. We're going home, and the President will make a lot of appearances, and so will Speaker PELOSI. The American people are the ones who are going to get hurt, and the children of the future will get hurt.

Oh, yeah. Congresswoman CAPPs is a very gracious, delightful Member of Congress, but the Capps amendment is in there, so this type of public option will be able to fund abortions. I mean this stuff is here. We need more than 72 hours. We need at least as much as the President is taking to review Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, with that, I know my time has run out, so I yield back at this time.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week on account of the birth of a child.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MELANCON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WESTMORELAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEAL of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, November 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, November 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, November 2 and 5.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, November 5.

Mr. KIRK, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, November 2 and 3.

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 832. To amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes.

S. 1694. An act to allow the funding for the interoperable emergency communications grant program established under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to remain available until expended through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on October 29, 2009 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.J. Res. 26. Proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States Posthumously

H.R. 1209. To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service